



REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	09/887,040
	Filing Date	25 June 2001
	Examiner Name	Hailu, Tadesse
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	Group Art Unit	2173
	Attorney Docket Number	01/21686

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**
 - a. ☒ Previously submitted
 - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on **27 December 2004**.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Other **Three (3) Month Extension fee**
 - v. ☐ Other
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for
a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - b. ☐ Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

			SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
			RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			1	\$ 395		\$ 790
Multiple Dependent Claims			0 x \$ 180	\$ 0	x \$ 360	\$
Total Claims	46 - 20 =	26	26 x \$ 25	\$ 650	x \$ 50	\$
Independent Claims*	6 - 3 =	3	3 x \$ 100	\$ 300	x \$ 200	\$
			TOTAL	\$1345	TOTAL	\$

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$1345.- filing fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1407. In the event additional fees are required, please charge these additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1407. In the event of overpayment, please credit Deposit Account No. 50-1407.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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03 FC:2202	650.00 DA
04 FC:2201	300.00 DA